

## **Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services**

## **Maryland Parole Commission**

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COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 26, 2019
CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM
6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

## MINUTES OPEN SESSION

**Attendees:** 

Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Cluster, DeBoy, Keckler, Miller, Reynolds and Smack; Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle; Assistant

**Attorney General Susan Baron** 

Absent:

Hill

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

- > The minutes from the June 12, 2019 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- > The June cycle of the Parole Violator Program (PVP) at Patuxent Institution has been cancelled due to a lack of participants. Commissioners have referred offenders to the program but they were subsequently disqualified from participating because of pending charges, warrants or detainers that were not disclosed during the revocation hearing. The next cycle is scheduled to begin in October.
- > Governor Hogan has declared July 5, 2019 a state holiday. The schedule has been adjusted accordingly.
- > Dr. Belton Wilder was introduced to the Commission. He has been hired contractually to assist Dr. Ott with completing risk assessments. Dr. Wilder has over 30 years of experience and has worked in Virginia, Maryland and Washington DC at several correctional institutions.
- ➤ Offenders that have pending charges at the time of a revocation hearing may not be paroled via HB-1174.
- ➤ As of July 1, 2019 cases conducted by two commissioners will be recorded. Commissioners must inform inmates and all other parties that are in the room at the time of a hearing that they are being recorded.
- > At 10:44 a.m. under General Provisions Art. § 3-305 Chairman Blumberg made a motion to end the open session and go into a closed session to discuss personnel matters, consult with legal counsel and review cases en-banc. A vote was taken and all commissioners were in favor. The meeting will reconvene in the Parole Commission's conference room.

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